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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING - SEPTEMBER 2

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING FOR SEPTEMBER 2, 1977.
FYI ONLY, SPOKESMAN TODAY WAS HODDING CARTER III.

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Q. WHAT IS YOUR REACTION ON THE ISRAELI PUBLISHED PLAN
TO ESTABLISH 27 MORE SETTLEMENTS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORY?

A. IN THE FIRST PLACE, IT IS NOT AN ISRAELI PLAN BEING
PUBLISHED. THERE WAS A NEWSPAPER REPORT. I AM NOT GOING
TO COMMENT ON IT.

Q. WELL, IT IS

A. LOOK, PAPERS IN BEIRUT PUBLISH REPORTS EVERY DAY.
PAPERS IN ISRAEL PUBLISH REPORTS EVERY DAY. AND UNTIL
SUCH TIME AS THERE IS SOME FORMAL GOVERNMENT PRESENTATION,
I HAVE NO COMMENT.

Q. HOW WAS THAT AGAIN? I COULDN'T QUITE HEAR YOU.

A. UNLESS THERE IS A FORMAL PUBLISHED REPORT. OBVIOUSLY
WE HAVE HAD CONVERSATIONS AND WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE
CONVERSATIONS ON THE SUBJECT WITH THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT.

Q. WELL, IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS, HAVE THE ISRAELIS RAISED
THIS PROSPECT?

A. NO.

Q. WELL, EVEN IF THEY HAVEN'T RAISED IT, HAVE YOU KIND
OF SHOOED THEM OFF IT BEFORE THEY COULD RAISE IT?

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A. OUR POSITION ON THE QUESTION OF WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS IS WELL KNOWN. WE DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN.

Q. NO, I REALLY DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THAT AGAIN, BUT SHOULD I ASSUME IT IS PRESIDENT CARTER'S POSITION OR THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S POSITION?

A. YOU CAN ASSUME THAT SINCE BOTH HAVE SPOKEN ON THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECT, AND AS THE PRESIDENT HAS NOTED, IT WAS HIS AS WELL AS OURS.

Q. HODDING, CAN I JUST FOLLOW THAT UP FOR A MINUTE ON A RELATED SETTLEMENTS ISSUE? EGYPT HAS REQUESTED AS AN URGENT ITEM INCLUSION OF A RESOLUTION WHICH CONDEMNS ISRAEL FOR OCCUPYING THE WEST BANK AND PARTICULARLY FOR THE SETTLEMENTS. ONE ISRAELI DIPLOMAT YESTERDAY SAID THAT ISRAEL HAD EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES OVER THIS RESOLUTION FOR AMONG OTHER THINGS THE LANGUAGE WAS PHRASED IN A MANNER THAT WAS SIMILAR TO RESOLUTIONS THAT THE UNITED STATES HAS SUPPORTED IN THE PAST.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER TO THIS, CAN YOU TAKE THE QUESTION OF WHAT THE AMERICAN ATTITUDE WILL BE TOWARDS THIS RESOLUTION, SINCE IT IS LIKELY TO COME UP IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN EARLY OCTOBER AT THE TIME WHEN THE SECRETARY IS UP IN NEW YORK?

A. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE LIKELIHOOD, IN THE FIRST PLACE. IN THE SECOND PLACE, I CAN TELL YOU I WON'T GET AN ANSWER ON THAT. THERE IS NO POINT IN MY TAKING IT. THERE WON'T BE ANY COMMENT ON SUCH OBSERVATIONS BY UNNAMED DIPLOMATS. YES. WAIT A MINUTE, SOMEBODY ELSE HAD SOMETHING.

Q. HODDING, DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON MOSHE DAYAN'S SPEECH IN THE KNESSET IN WHICH HE REVEALED PURPORTED DETAILS OF VANCE'S NEGOTIATIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST? HE HAS INCLUDED A DISCLOSURE ON -- THAT EGYPT WANTED THE GAZA STRIP BACK. JORDAN WANTED THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM. THAT ONE ARAB STATE ENVISAGED A PEACE TREATY WHICH WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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LEAD TO DIPLOMATIC AND TRADE TIES FROM OTHER SOURCES, AND IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT THAT IS JORDAN. AND THAT THE PLO WANTED NOT ONLY A STATE OF ITS OWN BUT ALSO THAT REFUGEES BE ALLOWED TO RETURN TO THEIR FORMER HOMES IN

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ISRAEL.

A. I HAVE NO COMMENT ON THAT.

Q. NONE WHATSOEVER? WOULD YOU COMMENT ON WHETHER OR NOT THAT THAT IS A FAIR RENDITION?

A. NO.

Q. THE OTHER DAY WHEN WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE ISRAELI'S USE OF ARTILLERY IN DEFENSE OF THE CHRISTIANS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON, YOU MENTIONED THAT WE, THAT IS THE UNITED STATES, WERE INFORMED BUT NOT CONSULTED. DID WE RAISE ANY OBJECTIONS AT ANY TIME, OR HAVE WE RAISED ANY OBJECTIONS AT ANY TIME TO ISRAEL USING AMERICAN-MADE WEAPONS IN DEFENSE OF CHRISTIANS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON?

A. JOE, I THINK MY GENERAL ANSWER WHEN THAT QUESTION CAME UP BEFORE STILL STANDS, THAT WE HAVE MADE EVERY EFFORT WE CAN TO SEE TO IT THAT THE SITUATION IN SOUTHERN LEBANON IS RESOLVED PEACEFULLY, AND OUR ENTIRE POLICY HAS BEEN AIMED TOWARD THAT END. I ALSO SAID AT THE TIME THAT THE INVOLVEMENT OF FORCES DOWN THERE IS MORE COMPLEX THAN ONE SINGLE GROUP, OR NATION, OR ANYTHING ELSE, AND THAT RATHER THAN TRYING TO DEAL WITH WHAT WE SAY DIRECTLY TO ANY ONE OF THE PARTIES, I'M SIMPLY SAYING THAT WHAT WE ARE SAYING TO ALL OF THEM IS THAT WE WISH A RESOLUTION IN WHICH BOTH RESPECTS LEBANON'S INTEGRITY AND PRODUCES A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT TO THE SOUTHERN LEBANESE SITUATION.

Q. MY POINT, THOUGH, IS WHETHER OR NOT --

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A. YES, AND I'M GOING TO SAY THAT --

Q. THE QUESTION WAS RAISED ON THE LEGALITY OF ISRAEL'S USING THESE WEAPONS IN TERMS OF OUR ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ISRAEL, SO THE QUESTION THEN COMES BACK --

A. WHAT WAS THE ANSWER THAT WAS POSTED, JOE?

Q. WELL, IT WAS INCOMPLETE. WE WERE INFORMED, BUT NOT CONSULTED. DID WE OBJECT, THIS IS MY QUESTION. DO WE OBJECT OR DO WE APPROVE?

A. MY ANSWER, JOE, IS PRECISELY WHAT I JUST SAID -- AND I'M NOT GOING TO GO INTO ALL THE CONVERSATIONS IN THE SUBJECTS THAT WE HAVE WITH A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES.

Q. ALL RIGHT, CAN WE ASSUME THEN, AND IS IT FAIR TO INTERPRET YOUR REMARKS HERE THIS AFTERNOON AS MEANING

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THAT THE UNITED STATES IS NOT SAYING WHETHER IT APPROVES OR DISAPPROVES?

A. WHAT WE DISAPPROVE OF IS AN ESCALATION OF CONFLICT, JOE. WHAT WE APPROVE OF IS ALL EFFORTS TO TRY TO BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING. THAT IS WHAT OUR EFFORTS ARE TOWARD.

Q. (GARBLED) NEWSPAPER REPORTED AMERICAN-PLO SECRET CONTACTS. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY RECENT TALKS BETWEEN THEM?

A. NO.

Q. HODDING, ON THE PLO, THERE WAS A LOT OF TALK LAST MONTH FROM YOU, FROM THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY CONCERNING THE AMERICAN DESIRE THAT THE PLO ACCEPT UN UNCLASSIFIED

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RESOLUTION 242. IT HAS NOW REJECTED IT? DO YOU HAVE A THOUGHTFUL COMMENT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH US ON THAT?

A. NO, I DON'T HAVE A THOUGHTFUL, FORMAL COMMENT TO SHARE WITH YOU ON THAT. WE, OF COURSE, WOULD REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT THE PLO WOULD INDEED ACCEPT IT, BUT WE HAVE STATED OUR POSITION, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THOSE STEPS BEING TAKEN, THE LOGICAL CONSEQUENCE IS THAT THERE IS NO FURTHER MOVE POSSIBLE TOWARD CONTACT AND CONVER-SATIONS WITH THE PLO. BEYOND THAT, I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE COMMENT.

Q. I GATHER, THEN, THAT YOU ARE DISAPPOINTED IN THE--

A. I THINK I'M NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU A CHARACTERIZATION. OUR POSITION HAS BEEN VERY CLEARLY STATED; THE PLO HAS STATED THEIRS, AND THE CONSEQUENCES FLOW FROM IT.

Q. HAVEN'T YOU ANY REFLECTIONS ON THE RELIANCE YOU PUT ON SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER COUNTIRES, WHICH REPORTED TO YOU, AND YOU SEEMED TO HAVE CONSUMED ENTIRELY, THE NOTION THAT THE PLO IS GOING TO CHANGE ITS POSITION. SURELY, YOU DON'T THINK SAUDI ARABIA INTENTIONALLY MISLED YOU; SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED. DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPECULATE, OR SHALL WE WAIT FOR THE NEXT NEWS CONFERENCE?

A. MINE?

Q. NO, NO, THE SECRETARY'S, BECAUSE THOSE OF US WHO WERE WITH YOU IN THE MIDDLE EAST SEEM TO GET THE IMPRES-SION THAT YOU EXPECTED A CHANGE IN THE PLO POSITION. YOU HAD BEEN TOLD BY SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER FRIENDS OF

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WERE CASTING YOUR MIDDLE EAST POLICY VERY HEAVILY ON THE EXPECTATION OF A CHANGE. YOU MADE PUBLIC STATEMENTS THAT IF YOU LOOKED AT TODAY MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY EMBARRASSING. AND I WONDER IF YOU WOULD EITHER LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE REPORTING SITUATION OR ON WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED?

A. THERE'S NO WAY FOR ME TO REPORT ON WHAT INFLUENCES THE PLO'S DECISION. WE, OF COURSE, HAVE COUNTED ON A NUMBER OF THINGS IN A NUMBER OF PARTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, ALL PARTIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST TAKING POSITIONS WHICH WE FEEL WOULD LEAD TO A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION OF THAT ISSUE. WE HAVE COMMENTED ON THE HOPES THAT WE HAD, NOT ONLY ABOUT WHAT THE PLO WOULD DO, BUT ABOUT WHAT OTHER PARTIES WOULD DO, AS WELL. NOW, AS TO WHAT INFLUENCES EACH DECISION, THAT'S A MATTER TO ASK THEM.

Q. AREN'T YOU DISAPPOINTED, CLEARLY?

A. CLEARLY, WE ARE DISAPPOINTED BY ANYTHING WHICH ACTS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO MAKE IT LESS POSSIBILE TO BRING A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION IN THE AREA. INSOFAR AS WHAT CASTS OUR POLICY, OUR POLICY, AS YOU KNOW, INVOLVES A NUMBER OF COMPONENTS, AND THERE ARE A NUMBER OF FACTORS WHICH AFFECT THAT POLICY, ADVERSELY OR IN A POSITIVE WAY.

Q. CAN I ASK YOU ABOUT THE ACCURACY OF SOMETHING THAT THE PLO SAID WHEN THEY HELD THEIR MEETING REJECTING THIS OPTION? THEY SAID THAT THEY HAD APPROACHED THE UNITED STATES THROUGH THIRD PARTIES, PRESUMABLY THE SAUDIS AND OTHERS, WITH A FORMULA IN WHICH THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT 242 AND IMPLICITLY ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST, IF ISRAEL WOULD ACCEPT THE PALESTINIAN RIGHT TO A HOMELAND, AND THAT THIS WAS REJECTED BY THE UNITED STATES.
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IS THAT AN ACCURATE--

A. I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THAT. I'VE SEEN A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE PLO IS SUPPOSED TO HAVE SAID TO THIRD-PARTY SOURCES. THAT'S NOT THE ONLY--

Q. CAN'T YOU TAKE THE SPECIFIC QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THAT FORMULA WAS PRESENTED TO US AND REJECTED BY US?

A. NO. NO, I REALLY CAN'T BECAUSE THAT OPENS UP--
I'LL BE GLAD TO TAKE IT, BUT I CAN TELL YOU WHAT THE ANSWER WILL BE, THAT WE DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT ON WHAT

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THE DISCUSSIONS INVOLVED. I WILL TAKE IT AS AN EXERCISE, BUT OUR PROBLEM IS THAT THERE WERE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WE TALKED TO IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

Q. HODDING, I'D LIKE TO GO BACK TO THIS DISAPPOINTMENT QUESTION--AND I ASK IT IN ALL SERIOUSNESS.

A. I KNOW YOU DO.

Q. YOU HAVE EXPRESSED HERE NOT ONLY DISAPPOINTMENT, BUT CONSIDERABLE DISPLEASURE AT SPECIFIC ACTIONS THAT ISRAEL HAS TAKEN, AND YET YOU REFUSED SEVERAL TIMES HERE TO EXPRESS DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE SPECIFIC ACTION ENUNCIATED BY THE PLO. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU CANNOT EXPRESS--YOU ARE FORBIDDEN, OBVIOUSLY TO EXPRESS--DISAPPOINTMENT IN A SPECIFIC ACTION BY ONE OF THE PARTIES, WHEN YOU HAVE IN THE PAST QUITE EXPLICITLY EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE ACTIONS OF ANOTHER.

A. I REALLY DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER EXCEPT TO OBSERVE THAT SINCE WE ARE NOT IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THIS PARTY, AND SINCE THE POINT OF THE EXERCISE WAS TO TRY TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE CONTACT, THAT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS WE HAVE THAT KIND OF CONTACT, I REALLY DON'T HAVE ANYTHING UNCLASSIFIED

TO SAY.

Q. YOU MEAN THAT YOU CAN'T BE DISAPPOINTED WITH WHAT THE PLO DOES UNTIL THE PLO SPEAKS TO YOU, AND IF THEY DON'T DO SOMETHING, YOU CAN'T SPEAK TO THEM, AND YOU COULD NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED WITH WHAT THEY DID? (LAUGHTER)

A. NO.

Q. THAT MAKES ABOUT AS MUCH SENSE AS SECRET DIPLOMACY.

A. YOU KNOW, YOU TRY AS BEST YOU CAN. I THINK I SHOULD HAVE STAYED WITH SAYING THAT I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENT.

Q. I THINK MARVIN'S QUESTION IS KIND OF GENTLE. I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU PLURALIZE YOUR RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION. YOU TALK ABOUT "WHEN VARIOUS PARTIES DO SEVERAL THINGS THAT DON'T HELP." WHY DON'T YOU STICK TO THE SINGLE FACT OF THE PLO ACTION AND COMMENT ON IT, OR AT LEAST SAY YOU'RE FORBIDDEN TO?

A. OH, I WON'T SAY EITHER ONE. I'LL JUST SAY I WON'T COMMENT ON IT.

Q. WELL, WHY MAKE IT LARGER THAN THE PLO ACTION? WHAT

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OTHER PARTIES?

A. BECAUSE YOU WERE HAVING A DISCUSSION WITH ME, NOT SOMETHING YOU WERE GOING TO WRITE, AND I WAS DISCUSSING THE FACT THAT (INAUDIBLE)...

Q. I WOULD LIKE TO WRITE ABOUT THIS, IF YOU COULD SAY UNCLASSIFIED

SOMETHING (INAUDIBLE)

A. THERE IS A LARGER QUESTION INVOLVED HERE THAN YOUR PARTICULAR HOBBY-HORSE, AND I AM JUST--

Q. IT'S NOT A HOBBY-HORSE; THE PLO IS MORE THAN A HOBBY-HORSE. YOU MAY THINK IT'S AN AMUSING GAME, BUT--

A. NO, NO, I DON'T.

Q. IT'S A MAJOR PART OF THE MIDDLE EAST PICTURE, AND I'M TRYING TO GET YOUR COMMENT.

A. YOU HAVE TRIED AND I HAVE TOLD YOU, I HAVE NO COMMENT.

Q. HODDING, DO YOU HONESTLY THINK THAT THIS IS FAIR FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO CRITICIZE ISRAEL HEAVILY AND SAY NOTHING ABOUT THE PLO AS IF THEY DON'T EXIST? DO YOU THINK THAT THIS IS FAIR? IS THIS AN OPEN POLICY? IS THIS PART OF THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S FULFILLMENT FOR WHICH YOU CAMPAIGNED? I SEEM TO RECALL THAT GOVERNOR CARTER STRONGLY SUPPORTED ISRAEL IN THE CAMPAIGN, AND HE ALSO SAID, "I'LL NEVER MISLEAD YOU."

A. YES.

Q. THEN, WHY IS IT, IN ANSWER TO THESE TWO DISTINGUISHED CORRESPONDENTS' QUESTIONS THAT YOU WILL NOT COMMENT ON THE PLO?
(LAUGHTER)
ISN'T THIS PATENTLY ONE-SIDED? HODDING, WHY DO YOU TAKE THE BLAME ON YOURSELF IF SOMEBODY UP THERE HAS BEEN TELL-ING YOU TO "STONEWALL IT." AS IT WERE?

Q. HODDING? (LAUGHTER)

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Q. ALL RIGHT. I'LL SHIFT TO ANOTHER ONE...

Q. HODDING, MAY I GO BACK TO THE MIDDLE EAST FOR ONE?

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IS IT FAIR TO INTERPRET FROM WHAT YOU ARE SAYING THIS MORNING ABOUT THE U.S. STATEMENTS REGARDING ISRAELI ACTIONS AND THE REFUSAL OF THE UNITED STATES TO COMMENT ON PLO, OR RUSSIAN, OR SYRIAN ACTIONS, THAT WE, IN REALITY, HAVE A DOUBLE STANDARD?

A. NO.

Q. YOU DON'T AGREE THAT WE HAVE A DOUBLE STANDARD?

A. NO, NO.

Q. WELL, THEN, HOW DO YOU RATIONALIZE THIS METHOD OF PROPAGANDIZING ONE POINT OF VIEW AND NOT SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT THE OTHER?

A. I THINK, JOE, THAT WHILE THIS IS GOING TO DRIVE THREE MORE REPORTERS OUT OF HERE, HAVING THIS DISCUSSION--BUT I'M WILLING TO DO IT--WE HAVE APPROACHED THIS WHOLE SUBJECT IN A WAY THAT YOU KNOW BETTER THAN I DO, AND INSO-FAR AS THE WAY WE DEAL WITH VARIOUS PARTIES, YOU ALSO KNOW THAT WE APPROACH DIFFERENT PARTIES IN DIFFERENT WAYS, AND IN PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE PLO, WE HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY, IN THE ABSENCE OF THEIR RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST IN PEACE, THAT WE WILL HAVE NO CONVERSATION WITH THEM. NOW, THAT IS A VERY CLEAR POLICY STAND, JOE, WHICH HAS IMPLICATIONS WHICH GO TO THE HEART OF YOUR QUESTION, AND I'M SIMPLY NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE THESIS OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.

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Q. WHAT IS THE REAL AMERICAN ROLE IN REGARD TO THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT?

A. WHAT IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN, AN ATTEMPT TO BRING THE PARTIES TO A GENEVA CONFERENCE AND TO A GENEVA CONFERENCE THAT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL IN SETTLING THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND BRINGING A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

Q. HOW CAN PEACE BE ACHIEVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST WHEN THE UNITED STATES WOULD BE OPPOSING AMENDING RESOLUTION 242 OR A NEW RESOLUTION?

A. WE HAVE SAID CONSISTENTLY, WE FEEL THAT 242 WHICH IS A CAREFULLY-WROUGHT AND RATHER DELICATELY-WROUGHT RESOLUTION IS ONE WHICH OFFERS THE BEST BASIS UPON WHICH TO OPERATE IN THE SEARCH FOR PEACE.

Q. BUT IT DOESN'T GIVE FULL RECOGNITION TO THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, WHICH COUNT MORE THAN 3 MILLION.

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A. I SIMPLY REPEAT WHAT I JUST FINISHED SAYING THAT WE FEEL THIS IS THE BEST BASIS UPON WHICH TO PROCEED. IT IS, IN ANY CASE, THE BASIS ON WHICH THE RECONVENING OF A GENEVA CONFERENCE HAS BEEN PREDICATED.

Q. HODDING, HAS THE UNITED STATES RECEIVED ANY WORD, INDIRECTLY FROM THE PLO OR THROUGH THE ARAB STATES, THAT THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE PLO PUBLICLY IS ONE THAT IS SUBJECT TO ADJUSTMENT ONCE THE UN DEBATE GETS STARTED?

A. I HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THAT AT ALL.

Q. HODDING, MAY I JUST ASK TWO QUESTIONS SO WE HAVE IT ON THE RECORD?

A. YES.

Q. ONE IS, THE LEBANESE CHRISTIANS, IN A MANIFESTO, HAVE URGED THAT THE PALESTINIAN ARABS IN LEBANON BE REDISTRIBUTED AMONG OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES AS A SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEMS IN LEBANON. DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT ON THAT?

A. NO.

Q. NONE AT ALL. ALL RIGHT. I ASKED ALSO ABOUT WHICH ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROSCRIBED IN ADDITION TO THE PLO. CAN YOU TELL US, BECAUSE I WAS TOLD THAT IT'S CLASSIFIED OR THE NAMES COULD NOT BE REVEALED?

A. WHAT?

Q. WHAT ORGANIZATIONS ARE PROSCRIBED BY THE UNITED STATES IN RELATION TO IMMIGRATION VISAS?

A. IT'S NOT CLASSIFIED. YOU MEAN, HOW DOES THE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION ACT OF 1952 OR SO AFFECT THOSE PEOPLE WHO CAN GET VISAS TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES?

Q. WELL, THE MCGOVERN AMENDMENT SUPERSEDES SOME OF THE--

A. IT SUPERSEDES SOME OF THE LANGUAGE, BUT YOU CAN GET THAT ACT, JOE. I MEAN, IT SPEAKS RATHER CLEARLY.

Q. NO, NO. WHAT I WANT TO KNOW IS, WHAT ARE THE ORGANIZATIONS? SPECIFICALLY, WILL YOU NAME THEM?

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A. NO. NO, BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THEM RIGHT HERE, BUT WAIT A MINUTE. IN ANY CASE, IT'S A DETERMINATION THAT

HAS TO BE MADE AS TO WHO FALLS UNDER THAT CATEGORY IN SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS, AND I'M NOT SURE THAT THERE IS SOME MASTER LIST THAT EXISTS. I THINK EACH QUESTION HAS TO BE ANSWERED ON ITS OWN MERITS AS AN INDIVIDUAL'S NAME COMES UP, WHAT HIS CONNECTION IS WITH THE ORGANIZATION, AND THE LIKE. I DON'T THINK THAT THERE IS JUST THAT KIND OF A LIST.

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2. JOSEPH NYE, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, WAS AT THE NOON BRIEFING, AND WAS QUESTIONED ON NUCLEAR EXPORT TOPICS. FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM EXCHANGES WHICH OCCURRED IN THE COURSE OF QUESTIONING ABOUT THE SCHEDULED CONFERENCES ON THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE:

DR. NYE: THE INVITATIONS TO THE FORMAL CONFERENCE ARE JUST ABOUT TO GO OUT, SO WE DON'T HAVE A FORMAL ACCEPTANCE LIST. BUT WE EXPECT IT WILL BE SOMETHING IN THE RANGE OF 30 GOVERNMENTS OR SO, GOVERNMENTS WITH A MAJOR INTEREST IN NUCLEAR ENERGY WHICH WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS CONFERENCE, AND IN ORGANIZING THE EVALUATION PROGRAM.

Q. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH YOU HAVE HAD PROBLEMS?

DR. NYE: IT INCLUDES ALL COUNTRIES. THE POINT OF THE EVALUATION PROGRAM IS TO INCLUDE ALL COUNTRIES WITH A MAJOR INTEREST IN NUCLEAR ENERGY. BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT NUCLEAR ENERGY IN TERMS OF THE NEXT GENERATION NUCLEAR ENERGY, AND HOW TO MANAGE THE DISTANCE BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AND MILITARY USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, IT HAS TO BE A CONSENSUS GAIN. IT HAS TO BE ONE IN WHICH EVERYBODY UNCLASSIFIED

AGREES ON THE RULES OF THE GAME, WHICH MEANS THAT EVERYBODY HAS TO BE IN ON THE EARLY FORMULATION OF THE RULES OF THE GAME. AND THE WHOLE CONCEPT BEHIND THE EVALUATION PROGRAM IS TO INCLUDE ALL COUNTRIES WHICH ARE GOING TO HAVE A MAJOR ROLE IN NUCLEAR ENERGY, IN HELPING TO SET THE RULES OF THE GAME FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF NUCLEAR ENERGY. SO THAT OBVIOUSLY INCLUDES GOVERNMENTS WITH WHICH WE HAVE HAD DISAGREEMENTS.

Q. WHERE WILL THIS CONFERENCE BE HELD?

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DR. NYE: IT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE HELD IN WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER.

Q. DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL LAST?

DR. NYE: IT WILL PROBABLY BE A CONFERENCE OF TWO OR THREE DAYS.

Q. WILL SOUTH AFRICA BE THERE?

DR. NYE: I DON'T KNOW.

Q. WILL ISRAEL BE THERE?

DR. NYE: I DON'T -- QUITE LITERALLY, THE INVITATION LISTS AND THE INVITATIONS HAVEN'T -- FORMALLY ARE JUST AT THE POINT OF GOING OUT AND WE HAVEN'T GOT REPLIES, SO WE CAN'T --

Q. WELL, CAN I REPHRASE MY QUESTN? ARE YOU CONSIDER-ING INVITING SOUTH AFRICA, ISRAEL AND EGYPT?

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DR. NYE: I THINK THE GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE A MAJOR INTEREST IN NUCLEAR ENERGY WILL INCLUDE SUCH GOVERN-MENTS. WE HAVE TO SEE WHAT THEIR INDICATIONS OF CONCERN ARE AND THEIR INDICATION OF INTEREST.

Q. BUT YOU ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT HAVING THEM HERE.

DR. NYE: I THINK THAT I DON'T SEE ANY DIFFICULTIES IN SOME CASES.

. WELL, I ONLY GAVE YOU THREE. CAN YOU SEPARATE THOSE, TAKE TWO OUT OF THREE, OR SOMETHING? DO YOU SEE THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA PARTICIPATE IN A NUCLEAR CONFERENCE, SINCE THEY SEEM TO BE AT LEAST ON THE IN-TELLECTUAL BRING?

DR. NYE: WELL, WE ARE HAVING A SERIES OF OTHER DIS-CUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA, AS YOU ARE PROBABLY AWARE, AT THE TIME, SO I REALLY CANNOT COMMENT ON THAT PARTICULAR POINT.

Q. HOW ABOUT ISRAEL, DO YOU WANT TO COMMENT ON THAT ONE?

DR. NYE: I DON'T SEE ANY PROBLEM WITH THE ISRAELI AND THE EGYPTIAN PARTICIPATION.

Q. HOW MANY GOVERNMENTS DO YOU EXPECT TO BE THERE?

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DR. NYE: I EXPECT THERE WILL BE 30 TO 35. ATTENDANCE DEPENDS THE DEGREE OF INTEREST WHICH OTHER GOVERNMENTS SHOW.

Q. WHICH LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION?

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Q. MINISTERIAL LEVEL OR -- ?

DR. NYE: IT WILL BE A HIGH LEVEL, BUT THE EMPHASIS IS NOT TO HAVE A PARTICULARLY POLITICAL CONFERENCE BUT TO

HAVE ONE WHICH HAS A CONSIDERABLE TECHNICAL INPUT AS WELL. IT WILL BE MIXED. THERE WILL BE FOREIGN MINISTRY PEOPLE AND MINISTRY OF ENERGY-TYPE PEOPLE, AND MIXTURES.

Q. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, I JUST WANT TO CLEAR THIS UP, BECAUSE I HAVE NOT BEEN CLEAR ON IT. DID YOU GET ANYWHERE WITH PAKISTAN AND WITH BRAZIL IN TERMS OF GETTING THEM TO DELAY OR TO PUT OFF IN ANY WAY THESE REPROCESSING PLANTS?

DR. NYE: NO. THEIR OFFICIAL POSITIONS ARE THAT THEY ARE UNCHANGED, THAT THEY FEEL IT IS A VALID GRIEVANCE, AND THEY WILL GO AHEAD ON THE TERMS IN WHICH THEY ARE SIGNED.

Q. DID WE MAKE ANY PROGRESS WITH THEM IN TERMS OF UNOFFICIALLY TRYING TO PERSUADE THEM TO PUT THESE OFF UNTIL THIS INTERNATIONAL FUEL RE-EVALUATION?

DR. NYE: WE HAVE MADE OUR POSITION CLEAR TO THEM, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE HONEST TO SAY THAT THEY HAVE NOT ACCEPTED OUR POSITION.

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